
Report to Special Meeting of the Place Committee

Date of Meeting: 19 February 2019

Subject: Public Petitions

**Report by: Senior Service Manager, Partnership and Performance
(Monitoring Officer)**

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The report summarises the petition which has been received following the budget consultation process in respect of matters which fall within the remit of the Place Committee. The full petition does not accompany this report but the original paper copy will be available for inspection by the Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee hear from the petitioners, seeking information from them as appropriate, and then prepare a report to Council on how the petition is disposed of.

3.0 Considerations

3.1. Clackmannanshire Citizens Advice Bureau

The petition is in paper form and has been verified with 242 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. There is also a change.org petition which has been verified with 319 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire area. Taken together there are a total of 561 signatories.

The name of the principal petitioner is Jane Greig. She meets the principal petitioner criteria. Ms Greig has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is "Save Clackmannanshire Citizens Advice Bureau". The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

"Clackmannanshire Council are proposing to cease funding to the bureau resulting in closure and no advice provision to individuals across the community. We currently deal with almost 20,000 advice issues per year and bring in excess of 3 million to the local economy each year, this will also result in to the loss of 26 jobs."

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. This report has no direct sustainability implications. The report from the Committee, once the petitions have been heard, may make reference to financial or sustainability considerations.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. *Staffing*

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

Petitions policy

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

Equality impact assessments have been carried out for all budget proposals.

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

11.0 Background Papers

- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

Petition:

Clackmannanshire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Principal Petitioner: Jane Greig, CAB

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